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Activities

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International anger at spying reports (Page 1)**Instructions:** Read the article 'International anger at spying reports'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. Another word for eavesdropping
2. America's military headquarters
3. Another name for a 'leakers'
4. Angela _____ is the chancellor of Germany
5. François _____ is the president of France
6. National _____ Agency (NSA)
7. The _____ Post is an American newspaper
8. Latin American country
9. Government _____ Headquarters (GCHQ)
10. Five _____ is a no-spy agreement

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Rat Island renamed (Page 5)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Rat Island renamed'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The Kamchatka Peninsula is part of Russia.		
2. The island became infested with rats in 2008.		
3. The rats came from an American shipwreck.		
4. Seabird colonies are very noisy.		
5. The USA has 51 states.		
6. The operation to get rid of the rats began in 2010.		
7. On the bigger islands earthquakes are common.		
8. The Aleutian Islands are in the northern Atlantic Ocean.		
9. The island is now called Hawadax Island.		
10. Ground-nesting birds have returned to the island.		

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Instructions: Read the article ‘Yeti mystery solved’.

- 1.** Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction. **2.** Take the first 38 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box. **3.** Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.

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Key words

CREATURES	CONVINCING
HIMALAYAS	HYBRID
PROFESSOR	BAMBOO
JAWBONE	UNIVERSITY
ADVANCED	THOUSANDS
SASQUATCH	PHOTOGRAPHS

Mystery phrase

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Near space balloon (Page 8)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Near space balloon'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

International Space Station

Space

Gas

Parafoil

Inflatable wing

ISS

Weightlessness

America

Orbital Technologies

Zero gravity

World View Enterprise

Eight people

Capsule

Russia

Karman Line

Helium

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Amazon rainforest study (Page 7)

Instructions: Read the article 'Amazon rainforest study'.
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am the year in which Europeans first arrived in South America.

1 4 9 2

2. I am what the trees absorb.

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

3. I am where most of the rainforest is.

□ □ □ □ □ □

4. I am another name for the rainforest.

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

5. I am one of the dominant species of tree in the rainforest.

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

6. Roughly 20% of me comes from the rainforest.

□ □ □ □ □ □

7. I am the number of different species of trees in the rainforest.

□ □ , □ □ □

8. I am the tree from which chocolate is made.

□ □ □ □ □

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World Map (Page 13)

Instructions: Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

Malaysia

Poland

Saudi Arabia

Bhutan

Norway

Turkey

Germany

Brazil

Sri Lanka

Japan

Iceland

Georgia

Missing Country =

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Europe Asia tunnel opens (Page 13)

Instructions: Read the article 'Europe Asia tunnel opens'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

1.
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10.

Clues

1. The tunnel has been built to withstand _____
2. The opening ceremony took place on Turkey's 90th _____
3. The sea channel is the _____ between Europe and Asia
4. The remains of the boats date back to _____ times
5. The Bosphorus has been a place of _____ importance
6. Sections of the tunnel were _____ into the trench
7. Roman emperor
8. For hundreds of years Turkey was the centre of the _____ Empire
9. Shinzō _____ is the prime minister of Japan
10. The Sea of _____ is between the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles